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SUBJECT: 93 EXBD: DR ON ANTI-APARTHEID EDUCATION KIT (ITEM 6.4)

1. PROGRAM COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY 29 - 0 - 2
(UK, US) ON SEPT 28 FOLLOWING DR SUBMITTED BY WYNTER (JAMAICA)
IN PLACE OF DR IN DOC 93 EX/27:
QTE. ITEM 6.4 - PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF AN
EDUCATION KIT ON APARTHEID (93 EX/27) DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED
BY MR. HECTOR WYNTER (JAMAICA)
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. RECALLING ITS DECISION (92 EX/5.1) WHICH REQUESTED
THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO REPORT AT THE 93RD SESSION
ON THE RESULTS OF HIS EVALUATION OF THE KIT PREPARED
BY THE ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT BASED IN LONDON, AND
THE ARRANGEMENTS HE PLANNED TO MAKE, AFTER
CONSULTATION WITH THE MOVEMENT, FOR THE POSSIBLE
PUBLICATION OF THIS KIT AND ITS DISTRIBUTION;

2. HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL,
PURSUANT TO THIS DECISION PRESENTED IN DOCUMENT
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3. HAVING HAD A BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PROBLEMS
RAISED BY THIS PROJECTED PUBLICATION;

4. NOTING THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S EVALUATION OF THE KIT
AS BEING "GENERALLY OF A HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARD"
WITH SOME CHAPTERS BEING "OUTSTANDING" AND IN
PARTICULAR THE ASSURANCE THAT "THE KIT GIVES, IN A
RELATIVELY SHORT SPACE, THE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE
NEEDED FOR ANY EDUCATIONAL COURSE ON SOUTHER AFRICA;

5. REAFFIRMING ITS VIEW OF THE POTENTIALLY GREAT
CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE PUBLICATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL
KIT OF THIS SORT COULD MAKE IN THE CAMPAIGN OF
INFORMATION AND EDUCATION, AGAINST THE EVILS OF
APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION;

6. INVITES THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO EXPRESS ITS
APPRECIATION TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ANTI-APRTHEID
MOVEMENT FOR THEIR VALUABLE BASIC DRAFT OF THE KIT;

7. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO EXPEDITE THE
PUBLICATION OF THIS KIT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ITS
BEING PUBLISHED IF POSSIBLE BEFORE THE EIGHTEENTH

SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE;

8. FURTHER REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO PREPARE PLANS
FOR THE PROMOTION OF AS WIDE AS DISSEMINATION AS
POSSIBLE OF THE KIT WHEN PUBLISHED, AND TO THIS
EFFECT TO CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE PROSPECTS OF
PRODUCING OTHER LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF THE KIT IN
ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL IN ENGLISH, PROVIDED THESE
INVESTIGATIONS DO NOT HINDER THE EARLY PUBLICATION
OF THE ORIGINAL VERSION;

9. DECIDES TO KEEP THIS ITEM ON ITS AGENDA AT ITS 94TH
SESSION FOR A FURTHER PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
IMPORTANT PROJECT WHICH HAD BEEN REQUESTED OF UNESCO
BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IN
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PARTICULAR, A REPORT ON THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS
ENCOUNTERED IN EDITING AND PUBLISHING IT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA LAID DOWN BY THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION, AND CONSISTENT
WITH THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN UNESCO'S CONSTITUTION.
END QUOTE.

2. LENGTHY DISCUSSION SEPT 27 MARKED BY AFRICAN APPREHENSION THAT KIT ORIGINALLY PUT TOGETHER BY ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT IN LONDON MIGHT BE WEAKENED BY UNESCO REVISIONS. DR ABOVE WAS SECOND SUBMITTED BY WYNTER AND WHICH HE EXPLAINED AFTER VOTE AS INTENDED MEET OUR NEEDS.

3. VOTE ON SECOND AND FINAL WYNTER DR CAME TOO SOON SEPT 28 TO PERMIT DEL OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS ON TEXT WHICH CONSIDERABLY MORE DETAILED THAN DR IN DOC 93 EX/27.

4. JAPANESE, GERMANS, AUSTRIANS AND SPANIARDS WHO FIRST EXPRESSED IN SESSION AND PRIVATELY THEIR INTENTION TO ABSTAIN, ALL VOTED FOR FINAL WYNTER DR. OTHER EUROPEAN STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, AS WELL AS SOVIETS (TIKHOVINSKY) STRESSED NEED FOR OBJECTIVITY IN KIT AND TO AVOID OFFENDING "OTHER MEMBERS." THESE CAVEATS NO DOUBT FIRMLY IMPRESSED ON SECRETARIAT WHICH WILL EDIT KIT FOR DISSEMINATION BY UNESCO.

5. REQUEST DEPT AUTHORIZATION TO CAST AFFIRMATIVE VOTE WHEN WYNTER DR PRESENTED FOR PLENARY APPROVAL, PROBABLY OCT 3. WE FAVOR CHANGE OF VOTE ON THIS MINOR QUESTION AS GESTURE THAT MIGHT LESSEN IMAGE OF U.S. OPPOSITION ON ISSUES AFRICAN DELEGATIONS HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST AND PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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